Study Guide for February 22nd, 2009 A New Beginning – Same Old Problem. Genesis 9

Introduction: When have you begun a new adventure, only to encounter an old problem?

I. The Blessing Repeated – A Prohibition Added. (Gen 9:1-7)

A. What does it mean that God **blessed** Noah and his sons? Compare with Gen. 1:28.

B. What provision for food does God make here? How is it different from Gen. 1:29?

C. What prohibition does God give mankind? (See Lev. 17:10-12) Why?

D. What does God now explicitly require of mankind? Consider implications toward

1) Euthanasia: 2) Abortion: 3) Capital Punishment:

E. How should we view people in light of the fact that they all bear God's image?

II. A Covenant Established – A Promise Added. (Gen. 9:8-17)

A. What does it mean that God **established a covenant**? What does it say about God?

B. With whom does God establish the covenant? What does God promise?

C. What do you think is the significance of **my bow in the clouds**?

D. What is the rainbow associated with in the following passages?

1) Ezek. 1:25-28: 2) Rev. 4:1-3: 3) Rev. 10:1:

E. What should come to our minds when we see a rainbow in the sky?

III. A Sin Repeated – A Curse Added. (Gen. 9:18-29)

A. Which is the only son of Noah with a descendant mentioned? Who? Why?

B. Compare the description of Noah 9: 20, with the prediction of him by Lamech 5:29.

C. What is the (perhaps surprising) description of wine in Judges 9:13 & Ps. 104:15?

D. Compare Noah's "fall" here with that of Adam's in Gen. 3. What is similar?

E. What does Noah's sin, in a renewed world, tell us about mankind's heart?